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Dear Guy,

although you have not had time to look ned up since you were here, i have decided to write you this letter the ellipsis of which is not accidental. you will recall that i asked you to find out why he delayed so long returning at thind to me, why he never responded to my repeated requests, and why he has failed to provide the assurances that he has shown the documents and writing to nobody, as agreed, and has in no way made any use of any of it.

i told you that i regard his failure to do what with most men their consciences and self-respect, if not their integrity, would have dictated is inconsistent with my feelings about ned and his character. i also did not hide my beliefs about an ego involvement he might not recognize or be aware of and said that this is what i fear more than any native crookedness, which i have never believed flaws his character and still do not.

i now have what i regard as solid proof that ned has breached my trust. i think this has to be resolved quickly and rapidly. this, among other things, means to me that he may have an additional emotional involvement that may also avoid conscious awareness.

when i add these thing to what i do not hesitate to describe as an unusually refusal to respond to what i think most people would regard as reasonable and obvious questions and the state of his emotional involvement that was so clear when he was here the last time and in his subsequent letters, i feel more than that writing him would do no good, not get an answer if the many other letters did, and that his normal defense mechanism would be to take offense, to transfer in his mind. he would only, among other things, get an prior at me for what he, not i, did. so i am writing to ask you to seek him out as soon as you possibly can, for, although i know how busy you are, this is important and i must cope with it, as i have been to your knowledge in ways that i now more than ever must insist you keep in total confidence because of what i have learned, in fact, have in my possession, since you were here. should you want to give ned a copy of this letter, i enclose acc y. if you do not, please return it so i will have an extra copy in the event some misrepresentation of it comes back to me; a possibility the record makes seem possible, for it has happened before.

let me make it as clear as i can. i am not now asking what i earlier asked, if ned had made any use of my work and materials. he did. i am asking him to say all that he did, with any of it, including what is copyrighted.

no time for more. the bad thumb, while still not painful, is ~~with~~ swollen so i can't jar it. i have added a second splint hat does keep it from bending, but using the hand at all in typing does jar it. no weeping today, but i am taking no chances of any kind and if the swelling does not soon go down, i will go back to the doctor.

heard from paul v. yesterday. they did carry a story on your conference. he and i missed it because of the section in which it was. when he has time, p.v. intends to try and carry the baltimore part further. and i have written the friend of whom i spoke to see if his people see the book i described. p.v. was much impressed.

best,